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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Monthly meeting of the Woman's Aid society, Thursday afternoon, February 5th. The Women of Section No. 1 will serve supper in the lecture rooms of the church from 5:30 to 8 p. m.

Foreign Missionary day, February 15. Special services at the Sunday school hour, 9:30. The Woman's Missionary society will have the evening service. They will have an interesting program.

The evangelistic campaign will continue until Easter. Evangelistic services every Wednesday evening and other evenings of the week, announcements of which will be made at the Sabbath services.

"Go to Church Sunday" March 1. Everybody in Fort Wayne is going to be urged to attend services on that day. This will be a great day for the churches. Get your friends lined up for that day.

Children's Sunday, February 22. The services at 10:30 will be for the children. We want all the children of the Sunday school and church at this service.

The Catechetical class meets every Sabbath morning at 9 o'clock in the church auditorium. We should like to see many more of our young people in the class.

The Laymen's league will have its annual meeting Wednesday evening, February 4, at the close of the church services. It is important that all the men of the church should be at this meeting, when the league will have its election of officers and other important business will be transacted.

Mrs. Zartman, Mrs. Geo. Hessert, Mr. Gavin, Mrs. Heyman, Mrs. Knot, Mrs. Nill, Mrs. Metzner, Miss Neta Heyman and Miss Anna Doermer will entertain the women of Grace church at a social afternoon in February.

Mrs. Leikauf, Mrs. Keo. Miller, Mrs. McAfee, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. Crum, Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Walter Close will entertain in March.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Close will entertain the young people at their home on Tuesday night, February 10th.

The pastor and wife want to make grateful acknowledgement of the many kind and gracious remembrances showered upon them during the holiday season. They came early and late, from near and far away; some from across the sea. They ranked from Christmas greetings, cookies, flowers, books, banknotes, and all sorts of good and beautiful things, on and up to a magnificent turkey that graced the Christmas dinner at the manse, enjoyed by its occupants and guests, Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Diefenbach and little sons.

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S LETTER

At the beginning of another year in the history of our church and the time when every one is laying plans for united and energetic work, it is well for us to consider for a moment what we owe to the Lord and His church. It should not be necessary for the officers of a church to continually urge upon its members the necessity of their giving toward the material support of the church, but it seems that some are inclined to let others point out their duty to them.

You are all acquainted with the fact that it takes a certain amount of money to maintain the church and we must ask the members to supply this, or we cannot continue the work. We are grateful to see some have increased their pledges, others have not so far done so, but we urge you to give this matter prayerful consideration. There are also a goodly number who have never given subscriptions, especially young men and young women. If they are earning any money at all they should begin a systematic plan of giving, even though the amount may not be large. We will gladly supply any one with a package of envelopes.

Trusting you will consider this matter seriously and hoping for a liberal response, I am,

Respectfully yours,

W. F. CLOSE,  
Financial Secretary.

The annual congregation meeting held on New Year's evening, was not attended as it should have been. It is to be regretted that so many of the people manifest so little interest in these annual meetings, where the opportunity is given for every member to become informed of the work and need of the church, and where so much business of importance to the church is to be transacted. The pastor in his annual address to the church, gave a brief report of his work during the year, and made a very earnest plea for a deeper work of grace in the church, and more aggressive work during the present year. The church is sorely in need of a spiritual quickening, a baptism with the fire of the Holy Spirit. He asked the church to adopt as its motto for the year "A Spirit-Filled Church. This he said would guarantee a consecrated praying, working, missionary, church-going, soul-saving, victorious church. Pray for this realization and work for it.

The usual routine of business was transacted. Reports of secretaries and treasurers were read and referred to

the consistory to be audited. These reports will be found in other columns of this issue of the Visitor. The election of officers was held with the following results. Elder, F. E. More, Frank Leikauf; deacons, Oscar Snook, Arthur Weiler; financial secretary, W. F. Close; treasurer, J. W. Brewer.

Mrs. C. H. Gumpfer entertained the Woman's Missionary society at her home on West Wayne street, Thursday afternoon, January 15. There was a good attendance and the meeting was full of interest. In the evening the Young People's society was entertained at the same place. A half an hour or more of the evening was given to prayer service. Nearly all the members of the society were present, and the evening was spent very pleasantly. At the business session, the society voted to give a pledge of \$10 to Hope hospital for the new building.

### ANNUAL REPORTS.

Annual report of financial secretary,  
W. F. Close, January 1, 1914.

#### Receipts.

1st Quarter offerings in full....	\$332.44
2nd Quarter offerings in full....	242.11
3rd Quarter offerings in full....	264.91
4th Quarter offerings in full....	462 06

Total .....\$1,301.52

Whole amount deposited in the First National bank, subject to the order of the church treasurer.

Report of benevolent fund by the financial secretary, W. F. Close.

#### Receipts.

First quarter .....	\$ 45.21
Secind Quarter .....	35.52
Third quarter .....	37.06
Fourth quarter .....	41.01
Easter offering .....	22.93
Christmas offering .....	12.80

Total .....\$194.53

Paid on apportionment ..... 89.90

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1914 \$104.63

Treasurer's statement of Grace Reformed church, of 1913.

### Receipts.

Brought forward from 1912...	\$ 4.85
Reg. offering, 1st quarter....	316.06
Reg. offering, 2d quarter.....	231.03
Reg. offering, 3rd quarter....	253.50
Reg. offering, 4th quarter....	402.00
Misc. offering, 1st quarter....	16.38
Misc. offering, 2d quarter....	11.08
Misc. offering, 3rd quarter...	11.41
Misc. offering, 4th quarter....	15.18
Extra offering for year.....	1,537.06

Total .....\$2,798.55

### Expenditures.

Pastor's salary .....	\$1,200.00
Organist and music .....	98.90
Janitor's salary .....	77.75
Fuel and light .....	152.31
Organ purchase .....	1,000.00
Organ installation .....	30.70
Furnace repairing .....	122.75
Misc. expense .....	104.85

Total .....\$2,787.26

Balance on hand .....\$ 11.29

J. W. BREWER,

Treasurer.

Annual report of the secretary and treasurer of the Sunday school of Grace church, E. Williams, January 1, 1914.

### Receipts.

Amount on hand Jan. 1, 1913...	\$ 77.23
Receipts first quarter .....	56.04
Receipts for second quarter ....	50.42
Receipts for third quarter.....	36.53
Receipts for fourth quarter ...	144.08

Total .....\$364.30

### Expenditures.

First quarter .....	\$ 60.00
Second quarter .....	73.50
Third quarter .....	8.50
Fourth quarter .....	175.62

Total .....\$317.62

Balance in treasury January 1, 1914. ....\$ 46.68

Annual report of the treasurer of the Woman's Aid society, Mrs. Frank Leikauf, treasurer.

### Receipts.

Balance on hand, Jan. 1, 1913..	\$ 25.75
By monthly dues .....	32.90
For janitor fund .....	5.47
Receipts by suppers .....	132.77
Baking sales .....	29.84
Teas .....	38.60
Sewing .....	29.09
Christmas sale .....	38.63
Penny boxes .....	24.94
Miscellaneous receipts .....	11.12

Total .....\$393.01

### Expenditures.

Paid to janitor .....	\$ 42.00
Frescoing church, in full .....	41.50
Indebtedness for carpet .....	255.00
Cleaning carpet .....	10.00
Table linen .....	10.75
Sewing material .....	8.50
Miscellaneous .....	11.35

Total .....\$379.10

Balance on hand .....\$ 13.91

Annual report of the Young People's society of Grace church, Evan Williams, treasurer.

### Receipts.

Amount in treasury Jan 1, 1913..	\$ 23.71
Received by monthly dues .....	18.70
Receipts from serving supper..	15.28

Total .....\$ 57.69

### Expenditures.

To church for current expenses..	\$ 10.00
Floral offerings .....	9.90
Foreign Missions, China.....	5.00
Miscellaneous expenses .....	15.05

Total .....\$ 39.95

Amount in treasury, January 1, 1914, .....\$ 17.74

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### SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES.

Each class has been furnished with a special envelope, in which they will deposit offerings each Sunday until Feb. 15th when we will observe "Foreign Missionary Day" Our school should give a liberal amount for this cause.

We have been very much pleased to note the good attendance we have had and wish to urge upon each teacher and scholar the importance of regular attendance. There is nothing more inspiring than a large and enthusiastic membership in the Sunday school. We want to work for an average attendance of 200. We can do it if you are willing. On January 18 we had only 28 less than on Rally day, with the right effort we can have more. Will you help us?

The new song books are proving very popular and are pronounced by every one the best we have ever used.

Sunday, March 1, will be observed in the city as "Go to Church Sunday". Every department of the church should work to get every member out to the services that day. We are counting on everyone in the Sunday school to act as a committee of one to get out the scholars. Let us pray and then work for this day and may the result show to the world that the church has not yet lost her power.

The young Men's Agenda class is one of the busy classes in the Sunday school. They are organized for work and are doing things. We are predicting great results for this class.

The Adult Bible class has enrolled a number of new members since the beginning of the new year. A full round number of one hundred more of the church members should be identified

with this class. The class meets at 10 o'clock every Sabbath morning in the auditorium for the study of the lesson.

February 22 will be Children's Sunday at Grace church. The service at 10:30 will be a special service for children. We want all the children and young people of the church at the service. The primary department will furnish some special music for the service.

The monthly and annual meeting of the Woman's Aid society was held Thursday afternoon, January 8. The following officers were elected: Mrs. John Snyder, president; Mrs. J. H. Straub, vice president; Miss Anna Doerner, secretary; Mrs. Frank Leikauf, treasurer. The executive committee met at the home of Mrs. Snyder on Friday afternoon, January 16, and planned the work for the society for the year. The suppers are to be continued at the church and the sections are to remain the same as last year, with some slight changes in the personnel of the managers. The afternoon social gatherings will also be continued and committees have been appointed to assist the hostess in entertaining. The first of the suppers for the year will be given Thursday evening, February 5, by Section No. 1, composed of the following ladies: Managers, Mrs. H. P. Dinger, Mrs. J. W. Brewer, Mrs. Frank More, Mrs. Frank Leikauf. Assistants: Mesdames A. K. Zartman, John Schneider, L. W. Hills, W. L. Hilbisch, Charles Rogers, John Sessler, H. E. Vordemark, Frank Shunk, Jennie Wickliffe, Harry Crall, Mary Gooley, S. D. Zeis, Rachel Wells, David Copenhaver, Isaac Clippenger, Richard Weller, Catherine Romy, Robert Gavin, A. M. Henderson, Louis Wilkening, D. H. Wilbert, R. F. Dinger, Margaret Boger, May Schaich, George Miller, Lenora McAfee, Lucy Zimmerman, Bertha Taylor, Misses Maggie Haverly, Hazel Gooley, Beatrice Benninghoff.

With the week of prayer the church entered upon a campaign of evangelistic services and house to house visitation, which is to continue until after the Easter season. The bad weather has interfered somewhat with our efforts, but we are sure we are already seeing some good results from the work. There has been a manifest presence of the Holy Spirit in our meetings, and some of the people have been awakened and are joining hands with the pastor in his effort to bring about a mighty work of grace in the church. There have been a few accessions to the church, but these results are only the beginning of the revival and the showers of blessing which await us if we but continue to pray, and come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. We are not so much concerned for the present about the indifferent and unsavable outside of the church, as we are about the indifferent and unconverted inside the church. Repentance and remission of sins was first to be preached in Jerusalem, and so a work of grace must always begin in the church. The church must get right with God, then the Lord can use his people for the salvation of others. The plan of the evangelistic campaign is to hold two or three services during each week, either at the church or in homes in different parts of the city, until our regular Easter services. In connection with these services the pastor expects to visit all the families in the church and the families that are in any way connected with the church or Sunday school, and he asks the members to join him in this house to house visitation and in personal effort to win others to Christ. Sabbath, March 1, will be observed in the city as "Go to Church Sunday." Special efforts will be made to get all the members of the church and their friends who have no church homes, out to the services on that day. An every member canvass

of the church is another feature of this campaign. Every member of the church will be seen personally and solicited to make definite pledges for the current expenses of the church, and for benevolence, including the apportionments for home and foreign missions, Church extension, etc. The every member canvass will be made on the Sunday afternoons of March 8 and 15. You will see that we have quite an interesting and extensive program of work before us. This means that provisions are made for work for every one, and that every member is to get busy with the King's business. The slogan for the campaign is "Wake up and get to work for the Lord."

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**C. E. TOPICS AND READERS.****February.**

1—Christian Endeavor Progress, Mark 4:26-32 (Christian Endeavor Day) Nora Minor.

8—Twelve Great Verses) 11—The Safety Verse, Ps. 27:1 (Consecration Meeting) Edith Shiffer.

15—Why everyone should sign a temperance pledge, Prov. 23:20, 21, 29-35. Temperance Meeting, Mrs. F. D. Knot.

22—Notes for Young Business Men and Women. Prov. 22:1-29, George Shiffer.

The Christmas services, held Sabbath afternoon December 21, were well attended and were enjoyed by all present. It was a real pleasure to see so many of the mothers with their little children out to the service. At the close of the service the children were given their usual treat of choice candies.

The Men's supper on New Year's evening was a very pleasant social affair, followed by the annual congregational meeting. The net receipts of the supper will be about \$20.00.

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